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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special depreciation and amortization rules for highway and related property subject to long-term leases, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Access
5 for All Americans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION RULES FOR**
 2 **HIGHWAY AND RELATED PROPERTY SUBJECT**
 3 **TO LONG-TERM LEASES.**

4 (a) ACCELERATED COST RECOVERY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(g)(1) of the In-
 6 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to alternative
 7 depreciation system for certain property) is amended
 8 by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (D),
 9 by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph
 10 (F), and by inserting after subparagraph (D) the
 11 following new subparagraph:

12 “(E) any applicable leased highway prop-
 13 erty,”.

14 (2) RECOVERY PERIOD.—The table contained in
 15 subparagraph (C) of section 168(g)(2) of such Code
 16 is amended by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v)
 17 and by inserting after clause (iii) the following new
 18 clause:

“(iv) Applicable leased highway property 45 years.”.

19 (3) APPLICABLE LEASED HIGHWAY PROPERTY
 20 DEFINED.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(g) of such
 22 Code is amended by redesignating paragraph
 23 (7) as paragraph (8) and by inserting after
 24 paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

1 “(7) APPLICABLE LEASED HIGHWAY PROP-
2 ERTY.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(E)—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘applicable
4 leased highway property’ means property to
5 which this section otherwise applies which—

6 “(i) is subject to an applicable lease,
7 and

8 “(ii) is placed in service before the
9 date of such lease.

10 “(B) APPLICABLE LEASE.—The term ‘ap-
11 plicable lease’ means a lease or other arrange-
12 ment—

13 “(i) which is between the taxpayer
14 and a State or political subdivision thereof,
15 or any agency or instrumentality of either,
16 and

17 “(ii) under which the taxpayer—

18 “(I) leases a highway and associ-
19 ated improvements,

20 “(II) receives a right-of-way on
21 the public lands underlying such high-
22 way and improvements, and

23 “(III) receives a grant of a fran-
24 chise or other intangible right permit-
25 ting the taxpayer to receive funds re-

1 lating to the operation of such high-
 2 way.”.

3 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subpara-
 4 graph (F) of section 168(g)(1) (as redesignated
 5 by subsection (a)(1)) is amended by striking
 6 “paragraph (7)” and inserting “paragraph
 7 (8)”.

8 (b) AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLES.—Section
 9 197(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
 10 special rules for amortization of intangibles) is amended
 11 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(11) INTANGIBLES RELATING TO APPLICABLE
 13 LEASED HIGHWAY PROPERTY.—In the case of any
 14 section 197 intangible property which is subject to
 15 an applicable lease (as defined in section
 16 168(g)(8)(B)), the amortization period under this
 17 section shall not be less than the term of the appli-
 18 cable lease. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
 19 rules similar to the rules of section 168(i)(3)(A)
 20 shall apply in determining the term of the applicable
 21 lease.”.

22 (c) NO PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND FINANCING OF AP-
 23 PLICABLE LEASES.—Section 147(e) of the Internal Rev-
 24 enue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “, or to fi-

1 nance any applicable lease (as defined in section
2 168(g)(8)(B))” after “premises”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to leases entered into after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act.

